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## WERE LONG TIME GETTING HOME.

ALEXANDER AND HALL SINCE FEBRUARY 7 COMING FROM PORT AUX BASQUES.

A. B. Alexander, who has been at the Bay of Islands, N. F., this winter taking observations of the herring fishery in the interests of the state department at Washington and Chaney Hall, agent of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company, arrived in Boston last evening and will reach here this afternoon.

They had quite a hard time of it getting home, having left Port aux Basques, N. F., on February 7, making their way along the coast in steamers until they reached St. John's where they boarded the new sealing steamer Nascope arriving at Louisburg, N. S., on Monday.

Yesterday the gentlemen were detained by the derailment of their train in Nova Scotia, finally reaching Boston last evening.

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## ONLY THREE TRIPS ARE IN.

BUT T WHARF DEALERS HAVE ENOUGH TO FINISH THE WEEK OUT WITH.

Three off shore fares were the only arrivals at T wharf, Boston, this morning with a total catch approximating 180,000 pounds.

They were schs. John J. Fallon, 46,000 pounds; Diana, 70,000 pounds and Frances V. Sylvia, 64,000 pounds. Notwithstanding the short market, the supply was just about enough to carry the dealers over, for the week has been a good one for fish receipts and the trade brisk, sufficient to clean up the supply on hand.

Haddock sold from \$2 to \$2.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$5 to \$6, market cod, \$4, hake, \$5, pollock, \$4, cusk, \$2 and halibut 30 cents a pound right through.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. John J. Fallon, 42,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Diana, 65,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 54,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$4; hake, \$5; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2; halibut, 30 cts. for white.

### HAD THE GALE HEAVY.

Sch. Edmund F. Black Reached Portland After a Tough Two Days.

After being out in the big storm of Monday night and Tuesday morning, the Portland fishing sch. Edmund F. Black came to her dock Wednesday morning undamaged from the heavy blow. Capt. William Black said he had been fishing on Jeffries bank and it was 7 o'clock Monday evening before his last dory was taken aboard. He then headed for Portland and about 11 o'clock, he was off the port, but could not make out any lights. He was then about five miles from the lightship that could not be picked up in the storm.

Capt. Black then decided the safe thing for him to do was to put to sea again. He did and when the storm cleared Tuesday morning, he found he was back on Jeffries. He returned to Portland that day and arrived late in the evening. Wednesday morning he took out his fare of 10,000 pounds of fish for the F. S. Willard Co.

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## WEEK ENDED VERY POORLY.

STILL ANOTHER DAY WITH NO FISH FARES FROM OFF SHORE.

It was another cold bleak day along the harbor front, no off shores being reported. A number of the shore boats are in, while some of the coasting fleet came in last evening for shelter.

The gill netters did not strike very heavy fishing as a whole yesterday on account of the rough weather although some of the boats brought in fairly good catches, making a fair day's work, as prices remained high.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ibsen, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mindora, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Georgiana, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Harriett, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Thos. J. Carroll, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston.

Sch. Alice, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Corsair, Georges, handling.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, salt bank trawling.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handling Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers 75 cts.

Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85, snappers 75 cts.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white and 11c per lb. for gray.

#### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

## MARTIE WELCH'S \$3310 STOCK.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, made another big stick as the result of his recent haddock trip, which is one of the two largest ever made in the winter haddock fishery. Capt. Welch took down a check for just \$3310, which will go to swell the receipts of his fine winter's fishing. The crew received \$80.56 to a man, clear, as their share of the proceeds.

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## SCH. ELSIE HAS A FINE TRIP.

AND SHOULD MAKE A GOOD DOLLAR AT T WHARF TODAY.

Only five arrivals were reported at Boston this morning, each vessel coming in coated with ice which froze on the decks as the heavy chop swept across them on their homeward trip.

Sch. Elsie arrived yesterday afternoon, after a tough trip with a nice fare, consisting of about 77,000 pounds. Other arrivals were schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 pounds, Azorean, 2500 pounds and Annie and Jennie, 5000 pounds.

Wholesale prices on haddock ranged from \$2.85 to \$6 a hundred weight, large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$5.50 to \$6 and hake, \$5.50.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Azorean, 200 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Elsie, 65,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 300 halibut.

Haddock, \$2.85 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$5.50 to \$6; hake, \$5.50.

## NEWFOUNDLAND GILL NETTERS.

Next summer the cod fishery from Placentia, N. F., will be prosecuted by a company of which J. F. Murphy is promoter, which will engage at gill-net fishing, as practised on the New England coast, with great success. Mr. Murphy visited this city and Boston recently, studied its practical aspects, and motor boats will be employed in charge of John Collins, late manager at Hawke's Harbor whaling factory.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Though there were several fishing vessels at Portland Thursday, but two fares were reported. They were of 300 pounds each and were brought in by the Albert D. Willard and the Katie L. Palmer. They had been tied up in the lower bay since the storm of the first of the week.

For all a fair amount of fish is now being caught, haddock are reported as extremely scarce. There is not nearly enough to supply the market and the smoke houses are not doing as much as a month ago. It is expected there will be a big supply as soon as the fish begin to school and may be netted.

### Ice Holds Up Banker.

Messages from the Newfoundland west coast report the fishery there a failure, owing to the frequency of storms, so severe as to prevent the men getting to the grounds. About 15 bankers are on the coast, well supplied with bait, but unable to leave harbor because of the weather, though last year at this date some of the vessels had already got 100 to 300 quintals by using their trawls on the grounds.

### Fish Supply Lessening.

The fish exports last week at St. John's, N. F., were not large, but the bulk in store is getting less every day. The amount of fish passed through St. John's Customs since last reports is 6791 quintals. Of this amount, 2795 quintals went to Brazil; 2500 to other parts; 1224 quintals to Spain; 184 quintals to Portugal; 88 to England.

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### Early Season at Norway.

Reports from Norway indicate that the voyage has opened earlier than usual on the fishing grounds of that country, and a comparison of figures to this date last year shows this year's catch to be somewhat ahead. It is, however, too early to yet figure on what the voyage will be like before reeling up time.

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### Word from the Sealers.

Word has been received from two of the Halifax sealing schooners in the South Seas. The Hilda R. has 2100, taken in the South Seas, and the Ida M. Clarke has 500, taken off Cape Horne. These skins approximately are worth \$2 apiece, so that the Hilda R.'s catch at present is worth \$25,200, and that of the Ida M. Clarke \$6000. No reports have yet come from the schooners Agnes Donohoe, Ysobel May and Village Belle.

### Ice at Placentia.

Placentia Bay is now filled with slob ice and the harbor is so packed with it that the Invermore and Home cannot enter, while the Morien, from Louisburg, coal laden to the Reid Company, is also due and will probably have to come to St. John's. Point Verde report no water visible in the bay and the condition there is worse than has been witnessed for very many years.

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### THE PICKEREL LAW.

Will Not Take Effect Until March 17, Says Fish and Game Commissioner.

The recently passed act, creating a close season on pickerel will not take effect until March 17, according to notices posted by the Fish and Game Commission. The act was signed by the governor on February 16, but contained no provision that it should take effect "upon its passage," and therefore is not in force until 30 days after its signature by the governor. The act prohibits the taking of pickerel between March 1 and May 1, the breeding season.

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## LONG TRAMP THROUGH GREAT DRIFTS.

Capt. Percy Firth and

Crew of Frozen In

Craft are Home.

Capt. Percy Firth of the sch. Bohemia who has just returned from Newfoundland, tells a story of thrilling adventure. Capt. Firth was master of the sch. Bohemia, the one vessel which did not escape being frozen in at Bonne Bay, N. F. After realizing that the vessel was hopelessly imprisoned until late in the spring, Capt. Firth decided to strip the vessel, having a partial cargo of frozen herring.

Unwilling to lose so much time in this out-of-the-way spot, Capt. Firth determined to reach a railroad station. Leaving two of the crew to care for the vessel, he, with six of the crew and two mail carriers, who had a team of 10 dogs and sleds, set out for Deer Lake, the nearest railroad station, carrying a supply of food. This is reached by a path through the woods and over mountains. The snow at the time was waist deep.

Along this trail every five miles there is a shelter camp, with stove and wood. At these they rested, thoroughly exhausted wading through the snow, each man having a blanket strapped to his back. The first day they walked 16 miles, resting at a camp, feeding the dogs on frozen herring.

Before daylight next morning they started again, but during the day some of the men began to show signs of fatigue and were obliged to take shelter in one of the camps. Capt. Firth, however, decided to press on

alone and at 6 at night arrived at Deer Lake, where he was joined at 7 in the morning by the rest of the party, he making the 45-mile march through the pathless drifts in 35 hours, including the rests.

Herds of deer and caribou and abundance of partridges and small game were seen digging under the snow for food. From Deer Lake they took the train to Port aux Basques, thence by steamer to Sydney and by rail home. Capt. Firth thinks that when the ice breaks up in the arms of the bay in the spring, it may be possible to secure a load of herring.



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## GREAT DEARTH OF FISH FARES.

ANOTHER DAY AND STILL NONE  
OF THE OFF SHORES  
ARE ALONG.

The week started off with another quiet morning at this port, the quiet which has reigned since last Tuesday without an off shore arrival remaining unbroken.

Most of the gill netters got underway as well as a number of the market fleet and another of the salt bankers.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Bethulia, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, returned.

Sch. Alice, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Nickerson, Southwest Harbor.

### Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Sch. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mindora, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Margaret D., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Enterprise, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed

Sch. Gossip, salt haul banking.

Sch. Leo, haddock.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddock.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, haddock.

Sch. Marsala, Georges handlining.

Sch. Flavilla, haddock.

Sch. Alice, haddock.

Sch. Rose Standish, haddock.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddock.

Sch. Rebecca, haddock.

Sch. Harriett, haddock.

Sch. Hockomock, haddock.

Sch. James W. Parker, haddock.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.50.

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### Will Go Pollock Seining.

Sch. Nickerson is here from Southwest Harbor, Maine, to fit for pollock seining.

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### Harbored at Sandy Point.

A large number of Gloucester fishing schooners have been in port at Sandy Point, Shelburne, N. S., during the past few days for shelter from the boisterous weather. They all report severe weather on the fishing banks. Those there were schs. E. B. Penney, Aspinet, Pontiac, Fannie Prescott, H. B. Thomas, Buema, Rob Roy, Mildred, Robinson, Arthur D. Story, Georgianna, Lillian, Ellen C. Burke and Terra Nova.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Evelyn M. Thompson, Gladys and Nellie, Fannie E. Prescott and Margaret Dillon arrived at Liverpool, N. S., last Wednesday and cleared for the fishing grounds the same day.

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## FANCY PRICES FOR FRESH FISH

FEW MARKET BOATS AT T  
WHARF BRING IN ONLY  
75,000 POUNDS.

Arrivals at T wharf, Boston, this forenoon were few, only eight boats from the shore being there with a total catch aggregating less than 75,000 pounds.

There was a lively demand and all the fish were quickly taken up. Dealers wanted fish and were willing to pay for them, consequently prices soared high. Haddock brought from \$5.50 to \$6.05 per hundred weight, hake, \$5 to \$7, pollock, \$5 and cusk, large cod, \$7, market cod, \$5.60 to \$6, \$4.50.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fare and prices in detail are:

Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 100 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. George H. Lube, 11,000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 3000 haddock, 2500 cod, 300 hake, 300 pollock.

Sch. Valentinna, 600 haddock, 9500 cod.

Sch. Marion, 600 cod.

Haddock, \$5.50 to \$6.05; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$5.60 to \$6; hake, \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$5; cusk, \$4.50.

### Lockport N. S., Fishing Notes.

Arrivals at Lockport, N. S., last week were schs. Lizzie A., 6200 pounds and Mariana, 5800 pounds of fresh fish.

"The launching of the new schooner at the yard of Howard Allen & Co., did not take place last week as scheduled. It has been delayed a few days from unavoidable causes. The schooner is of the semi-knockabout type, designed by Mr. Allen himself, and is 80 feet in length, 23 feet beam, and 10 feet hold and sleeping accommodation for 16 men.

The planking is all hardwood the rails and topsides being of oak and remainder, beech and birch. In short, she is a first class product of the builder's art. The name of the vessel will be, Ella M. Rudolph a compliment to the wife of Capt. Charles Rudolph, who owns one-quarter interest and will command her at single dory trawling.

The remaining three-quarters are owned by William McMillan. After launching the schooner will be taken to the Government wharf, Allendale, where F. F. Hunter, Shelburne, will complete his contract setting the spars, rigging, and bending the sails. She will then come down here for outfitting. Capt. Rudolph expects to be ready for fishing about March 20th.

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### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margaret arrived at Portland yesterday from Quero with 16,000 pounds of halibut, which sold at 12 cents a pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

The Margaret encountered a number of severe gales during the trip, but she escaped serious damage. She was badly iced up.

### Stunned the Fish.

Half a boat load of red snapper and sea bass were taken by the crew of the revenue cutter Itasca when she destroyed a derelict off Cape Romain, N. C., early in February. The fish were stunned by the explosion of dynamite used in blowing up a wreck.

### Big Flounder Catch.

Provincetown flounder dredgers found fish very plentiful last week. Three boats of the more than a score of working craft secured between 80 and 100 barrels each from Thursday to Monday inclusive. The fish caught run largely to flukes.

### JUST A FEW SHELLS.

At South Norwalk, Conn., is a pile of oyster shells about 40 feet high containing, it is said, about 600,000 bushels and claimed to be the largest oyster shell pile in the world. The shells are replanted on the oyster grounds of the company owning the pile.

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## SEVERAL FINE TRIPS TODAY.

STEAM TRAWLER CREST HAS  
83,000 POUNDS NEARLY HALF  
CODFISH.

The arrival of several of the off shore fleet at T wharf, Boston, this morning helped out the situation very nicely, and the dealers had plenty of fish to carry them through the day, although the demand was great and prices consequently remained high.

Some of the big fares are schs. Josie and Phoebe, 75,000 pounds, Georgia, 58,000 pounds, Pontiac, 46,000 pounds, Regina, 88,000 pounds, Thomas S. Gorton 58,000 pounds, Mary C. Santos 52,000 pounds, and the steam trawlers Crest and Surf with 83,000 pounds and 64,000 pounds each, the former having nearly half codfish.

Haddock sold from \$3 to \$4.75 a hundred weight, large cod, \$5.50 to \$6, market cod, \$3.50 to \$5; hake, \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$5 and cusk, \$2.50.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 68,000 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Georgia, 52,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Harriett, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 28,000 haddock, 1600 cod.

Sch. Motor, 7000 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Pontiac, 35,000 haddock, 7000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Steamer Crest, 43,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Steamer Surf, 57,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Regina, 80,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 52,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 50,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 2500 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 3000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 700 haddock, 1000 cod, 3500 hake, 1000 cusk.

Haddock, \$3 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3.50 to \$5; hake, \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$6; cusk, \$2.50.

### Fulton Market Fish Notes.

Trade at Fulton Market, N. Y., was not very brisk during the second week in Lent. There was an abundance of fish, still buyers did not care to take it because of high prices.

There was a little hake in the market the latter part of the week. Sales were made at 7 to 8 cents.

Haddock brought 3 to 6 cents.

Codfish was scarce and high the latter part of the week. While sales of steak fish were made at 7 to 8 cents on Saturday and Monday the price on Thursday and Friday was 10 to 11 cents. Market cod on the same days was 7 cents, while 4 to 5 cents was the quotation during the first part of the week.

### Sch. Oregon Sold.

Sch. Oregon, owned by Davis Brothers of this port, has been sold to Capt. Rose of Jersey Harbor, Fortune Bay, N. F. The craft will be immediately transferred under the British flag, when she will sail for her destination to engage in the fisheries from that place. The Oregon was built at Essex in 1899 and measures 113 tons gross and 79 tons net.

### Week's Work at T Wharf.

A total of 7 fares, aggregating 2,538,700 pounds of ground fish, was landed at Boston for the week ending March 1, against 90 arrivals, or a total of 1,923,200 pounds, for the same period of 1911. The total catch landed for the year thus far is 16,163,040 pounds from 563 arrivals against 16,043,300 pounds in 1911, from 729 arrivals.

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## TO VISIT ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL.

Trip of Watson and  
Grueby Takes "T" Wharf  
by Surprise.

T wharf was surprised to learn yesterday that George S. Grueby and Capt. John Watson had left Boston for New York Saturday, and sailed for England to study the British and Portuguese steam-trawling situation, that they may testify in the interests of the line fishermen when Congressman Gardner's bill to prohibit otter trawlers from landing fish at Atlantic coast ports comes up for a hearing in Washington.

The departure of these men marks the first open step in the fight of the line fishermen against the steam or otter trawlers. For months, in secret, T wharf fishermen have been making preparations to support the bill which Representative Gardner introduced to congress at the request of the fishermen of Gloucester.

It is understood that Capt. Watson and Mr. Grueby will visit London, Grimsby, the greatest fish market in the world, the Firth of Moray and finally Lisbon, Portugal. In each of these places they will interview the skippers, men and owners of the steam trawling fleets, and secure statistics regarding the size and amount of fish landed by the fleet collectively, and by the otter trawlers individually.

on the number of fish destroyed in the course of a year, as compared with the number of marketable fish landed; on the scarcity of marketable fish in the waters frequented by steam trawlers, in comparison with the fecundity of the same waters years ago; on the comparative high price of market fish today as compared with the cheap prices of the past; and the reasons thereof and on the alleged decrease in the size of market fish.

These facts and statistics will be backed by photographs and sworn statements, the whole to be exhibited at Congress in an effort to prove the principal contention of the fishermen's struggle against the steam craft—that these vessels destroy more fish than they bring to market, and that the British fisheries have been brought to the verge of ruin by the employment of this mode of fishing.

While these two envoys are abroad the local fishermen will continue to collect facts and figures here. The claim is made that each of the six steam trawlers now sailing from T wharf destroys annually a large amount of fish. Capt. Bill Thomas has figured out that each of the steamers destroys 27,000,000 pounds annually, while only bringing about 9,000,000 pounds to market. Furthermore, it is claimed that the steamers destroy the small fish and marine vegetation upon which marketable groundfish feed.

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### PENSACOLA FISH NOTES.

There was an abundance of red snapper and grouper received at Pensacola during the past week, says the Fishing Gazette. As expected, a large number of smacks made port; in fact, a total of 13; seven for the E. E. Saunders Company and six for the Warren Fish Company. The total catch brought in amounted to 237,160 lbs.; 128,860 lbs. for Saunders Co and 98,300 pounds for the Warren Company, divided as follows: 128,780 pounds of red snapper and 10,080 pounds of grouper for the Saunders Company and 90,300 pounds of red snapper and 8000 pounds of grouper for the Warren Company. There was a fierce storm during the early part of the week, the wind attaining a velocity of 60 miles an hour for a time, and some damage resulted to shipping in the harbor.

E. E. Saunders & Company of Pensacola, Fla., received a telegram from Mobile, announcing that the fishing schooner Lettie G. Howard had put into that port with damaged rigging and would discharge her cargo of 20,000 pounds of snappers there. The vessel was caught in the severe blow of Sunday afternoon and could not make her home port. She will go there for repairs.